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SUBJECT: PACIFIC JOURNALISTS TOUR

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1. POST NOMINATES DR NOORDIN SOPIEE, EDITORIAL WRITER AND TOP INTERPRETIVE REPORTER STRAITS TIMES OF MALAYSIA AS PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE SUBJECT TOUR. FULL BIODATA FOR NOORDIN SENT VIA KUALA LUMPUR AIRGRAM 139 OF AUGUST TENTH; NORDIN WAS ONE OF POST'S ALTERNATES FOR IV GRANT. PRINCIPLE BIO INFORMATION NOORDIN AS FOLLOWS: TWENTY-NINE YEARS OLD; MARRIED; ACADEMIC TRAINING AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS WHERE HE RECEIVED BACHELOR'S DEGREE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND AT UNIVERSITY OF LONDON WHERE HE RECEIVED DOCTORATE; PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO UK; FATHER IS MOHAMED SOPIEE WHO IS PROMINENT POLITICAL/JOURNALIST PERSONALITY WHO SERVED AS MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, MOST RECENTLY PAKISTAN. NOORDIN ENGLISH EXCELLENT AND POST IS NOT AWARE NOORDIN TRAVEL TO US WITHIN LAST THREE YEARS. NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY.

2. JUSITIFICATION: NOORDIN ONE OF SHARPEST AND MOST CAPABLE JOURNALISTS WORKING ON MOST INFLUENTIAL PAPER IN MALAYSIA. AT AGE TWNETY-NINE HE HAS ALREADY BECOME ONE OF TWO REGULAR EDITORIAL WRITERS; DEALS REGULARLY WITH BOTH MALAYSIAN AND AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE WRITING LONG IN-DEPTH STORIES ON SUBJECTS OF CRUCIAL INTEREST TO USG. NOORDIN PARTICIPATION THIS TOUR WOULD NOT ONLY BE USEFUL TO POST IN CULTIVATING IMPORTANT CONTACT BUT WOULD ENABLE HIM TO DEVELOP USEFUL CONTACTS AND PERSPECTIVES. POST WOULD ENCOURAGE

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